

## REMARKS

The Office Action dated December 5, 2005 has been fully considered by Applicant. Claim 5 is currently amended. Claims 2-4 have been previously canceled. Claims 1, 6 and 7 have been previously presented.

Enclosed is a Petition to Request Three Month Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$1020 to cover the government fee.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,462,784 to Kohno et al. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Examiner Beliveau refers to Figure 6 and column 7-8 within Kohno et al which disclose a time bar and a bar graph representation of the duration of each program on the time bar. However, if a program extends beyond the limit of the time bar as shown by channels 120 and 122 in Figure 6, the viewer has no way of knowing the total duration of that program. There is no indication or mention of a display portion which shows the time which has elapsed since the program started prior to the start of the time period on the time bar, or else the time for which the program will last beyond the end of the time period represented by the time bar. Therefore, in the '784 Kohno et al patent, the viewer must select each program in turn to determine the start and end times.

The difference between Applicant's invention and the Kohno et al patent is further emphasized by lines 12-17 in column 8 of Kohno et al which discloses that the only way a user can easily understand a broadcasting elapsing time in a visual manner is by changing the size of the displaying area. Therefore, the user of the Kohno et al patent must manually adjust the length of the time display bar so that the start and end of all the programs fit within the time bar. This does not result in the present invention which explicitly requires the programs indicated by one or more cells

within the grid to start or finish outside a time period represented by the time bar on the display. Therefore Applicant believes that claim 1 is novel over the Kohno et al reference and respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 5 and 7 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,585,838 to Lawler et al in view of United States Patent No. 5,654,748 to Matthews, III. Independent method claim 5 has been currently amended, and, therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Claim 5 has been amended to include a method of generating a television program guide having the steps of generating a grid by providing a time bar, a series of cells, each cell indicating a program to be shown on a particular channel over the time period display, and the size of each cell including the start, finish and length of each program with respect to the time bar, calculating for each of the cells difference between the start time of the time bar and the start time of the program when at least one or more programs indicated by one or more corresponding cells within the grid either starts or finishes outside of the time period displayed, and generating a display portion displaying a difference with respect to the program cell on the display for each of the programs which start or finish outside the time period displayed, wherein the displayed portion is generated simultaneously for two or more cells within a grid.

It can be seen that in the '838 Lawler et al patent, the display of detailed information in relation to only one program at any given time is disclosed. In contrast, Applicant's method includes the step of generating a display portion simultaneously for two or more cells within a grid. In addition in Applicant's invention, information may be calculated and displayed for multiple programs for which the information relates. However, upon viewing the '838 Lawler et al program

guide, a viewer may be aware that a program extends beyond the time limits of the currently display but must select each program to open a different display to assess the remaining duration of else the elapsed duration of any particular program. The '838 Lawler et al mode is ineffective and troublesome for a user. Applicant's method generates a grid format while providing additional information required by a user such that the user can decide at a glance on the suitability of all the programs within the grid.

In addition, the '838 Lawler et al method generates only the possibility of displaying the time remaining in the program being viewed (i.e. the time calculated as the difference between the present time and the end time for the program). Applicant's method generates a display that indicates the duration for which a given program extends either beyond the start of the time period or the end of the time period shown. Thus, such a time period is calculated from either the start of the time period shown or else the end of the time period shown instead of the current time. Clearly it can be seen that Applicant's currently amended claim 5 is novel over the '838 Lawler et al patent, and, therefore Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Claim 7 depends upon currently amended method claim 5 and is believed to be patentable over the '838 Lawler et al patent as stated above.

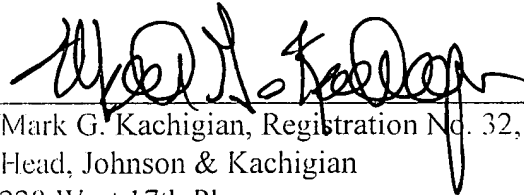
Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,585,838 in view of United States Patent No. 5,654,748 to Matthews, III and in further view of Applicant's admitted prior art (APA). Claim 6 depends upon currently amended method claim 5. Applicant believes dependent claim 6 to be patentable over the cited references as stated above.

Applicant believes that the claims as currently amended are novel over the cited reference and respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If any further issues remain, a telephone conference with the Examiner is respectfully requested. If there are any charges associated with this amendment, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge such charges to Deposit Account No. 08-1500.

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